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Dr. O. Klotz,

Pathological Laboratories,

University of Pittsburg.

My dear Dr. Klotz:

I was rather surprised though gratified to get your letter of congratulation this morning. Your father had told me in May at Ottawa that you were across in France and I had not heard of your return. I hope that you enjoyed your visit and found the work to be very profitable. It is a great pleasure to have the goodwill of the graduates of the University of Toronto in connection with the recent honour that I received, and I am much indebted to you for your having taken pains to write to me.

Now that the United States is in the war I suppose your laboratories will be more used than before for military purposes, and you will doubtless suffer in some measure as we have done by loss of students. According to present indications our attendance will be very small, except in Medicine which keeps up wonderfully. One of the most remarkable changes that you would observe in Toronto is the presence here in the Flying Corps of dozens of Americans in their own military uniforms training under British officers. We are indeed running through a great revolution without realising it. Please give my kind regards to Mrs. Klotz in which I know my wife would unite if she were aware that I am writing to you. With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

CONSTITUTION

Article 1.

Section 1. The Association shall be called the Alumnus Club of the University of Toronto and shall be a Branch of the Associated American Toronto Clubs.

Section 2. The purpose of the Association shall be the perpetuation of a closer interest in the activities of the University of Toronto, and the maintenance of a social and scientific intercourse of its members.

Article 2.

The business of the Association shall be conducted by a Council consisting of a President, Vice-President, and Secretary-Treasurer. They shall nominate annually to be elected by the Association the officers for the ensuing year. The same person shall not serve as President more than one year, consecutively.

Article 3.

Membership to the Association shall consist of the graduates (regular and honorary), undergraduates and officers of the University of Toronto, resident in the Pittsburgh district.

BY-LAWS.

1. There shall be an annual meeting at such time and place as the Council may determine. Other meetings may be held if the Council so desire.

2. The annual dues of the Association shall be one dollar.

3. The Constitution and By-Laws may be amended by a vote of the Association at a meeting subsequent to that at which such amendment was proposed- - - by vote of three-fourths of the members present.

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A circular letter issued to our Alumni in Pittsburgh.

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania,
December 10, 1917.

Dear President Falconer:-

Some time ago a circular letter was sent to you announcing the formation of an Alumnus Club of the University of Toronto. Officers were chosen to draw up some simple constitution to be presented at the next meeting of the Club.

The local organization is to be a part of the general "Associated American Toronto Club" which was organized last year at a convention of Alumni of the University of Toronto. As to the aims and objects of this larger organization, I can do no better than quote part of a letter of Mr. H. M. Darling, the Secretary. "The Associated American Toronto Club is a union of all the organized Alumni Associations in the United States. It was formed with the approval and assistance of President Falconer and Dr. A. H. Abbott, the Organizing Secretary of the University of Toronto Alumni Association.

"Our objects in uniting were:

1. To bring together in a social way the graduates in the different American cities.

2. To assist the graduates, especially those who are newly arrived, in establishing themselves in their professions or business.

3. To keep before the American graduates the policies and status of the University and thereby maintain their interest in the University.

4. To lay before the University authorities matters which would appear to us to pertain to the welfare of the University.

"Besides the existing Clubs in New York, Chicago, Pittsburgh, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Detroit and Buffalo, clubs are now being formed with the cooperation of our Executive Committee in practically all the other American cities where there are groups of Toronto graduates. The Associated Clubs maintain a card catalog of all the graduates and former students in the United States, corrected to a very recent date.

"So far as branch organizations are concerned, the American field is pretty well covered by the Associated Clubs. In regard to those graduates who are scattered in the smaller cities, our policy is to induce them as well as the men in the organized groups to join the University of Toronto Alumni Association, which includes graduates from all the faculties, in Canada, the

United States, Europe and all the other countries, and is not simply a Canadian Alumni Association. A membership in this Association includes a subscription to the Alumni Monthly, and this acts as a medium between the University and the Alumni.....The American Universities periodically mail literature and return-address cards to all their graduates, including the men who do not live near organized groups, but they do most of their work through their local branches. The Associated Western Harvard Clubs and the Associated Western Yale Clubs both hold annual three day conventions or reunions, somewhere West of Buffalo, so that those men who cannot go East for Commencement, can meet each other near their homes once a year, and the Associated American Clubs follow suit by holding an annual reunion for American Graduates."

This will give you an idea of the desire and hope in keeping in touch with fellow Alumni of Toronto as well as maintaining a living interest in your Alma Mater. Every University requires the sincere and friendly criticism of its Alumni. Every graduate, sooner or later, through his own business is brought in contact with phases of work or meets with problems, the discussion of which would be of great value to his University. It is true that the Alumni of the University of Toronto living in the United States have been more active in organizing and offering material assistance than have our Canadian associates. We have, it may be true, a more ready opportunity of comparing the methods and systems in use at Toronto with those in vogue elsewhere. We also have the opportunity of gauging the needs of the people, as illustrated in the enormous activities of American centers, of which Pittsburgh is a good example.

Now we should like every graduate of the University of Toronto and its affiliated colleges, to put aside a few moments of his time for contemplation of what the years spent at the University have meant to him. And, furthermore, to offer freely criticism and suggestion to his local Club, the Associated American Toronto Club or directly to the authorities of the University,- President Sir Robert Falconer being deeply interested in all such opinions.

The Pittsburgh Branch is in hopes of having Sir Robert Falconer on a second visit to Pittsburgh. His official duties made it impossible for him to come before the New Year, but we may look forward to an early visit in January. Due notice will be sent you of this visit.

A copy of the proposed constitution for the Pittsburgh Branch which will be presented at the next meeting, is enclosed.

Yours very sincerely,

Oscar Klotz

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December 12th, 1917

Professor O. Klotz,

University of Pittsburgh.

My dear Dr. Klotz:

I have just read your letter with much interest and I am particularly pleased to know that the American Alumni are forming such a strongly inter-related organisation. I am sure that good results will follow to the University from the action of the American Alumni. In Canada everything has given way to military organisation and contributions of an economic nature arising out of the war. Moreover, such a large number of our Alumni are on active service from all over the country that no effort of any kind has been made as yet under Dr. Abbott to secure some more effective organisation than has hitherto existed. However, Judge Wasten, the President of the Alumni Association, wishes to work out a plan whereby our Alumni at home may form themselves into groups for the purpose of enabling our soldier graduates to return back into civil life.

Last week Chancellor McCormick kindly asked me to go to Pittsburg and give the University Address on the 24th of February, but I have had to refuse this with regret as I had previously agreed to deliver the address at the University of Pennsylvania on George Washington's Birthday and I cannot make two trips to the United States in successive weeks.

If it is at all possible I will endeavour to visit Pittsburgh some time before the spring.

I saw your father in Ottawa about three weeks ago, and has the pleasure of sitting beside him at lunch at a meeting of the Toronto graduates. With kind regards to Mrs. Klotz,

I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.